HIS Maieſties Commiſſion to all the Lords, and others *of the Priuie Counſell, touching* the Creation of Baronets,

Whereunto are annexed di- uers Inſtructions,

And His Maieſties Letters Patents *containing the forme of* the ſaid Creation.

ALSO

The forme of an Oath to be taken by the ſaid Baronets.

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By the King.

HIS MAIESTIES COMMISSION TO all the Lords, and others of *the Priuie Councell, touching* the Creation of Baronets.

IAMES by *the grace of God, King of* ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, FRANCE *and* IRELAND, *Defender of the* Faith, *&c. To*

Our right truſtie, and right well beloued Councellour, THOMAS *Lord* Elleſemere, *Lord* Chancellour *of* ENGLAND, *And to Our right truſtie, and right well-beloued* Couſins *and* Councellors, ROBERT *Earle of* Saliſburie, *Lord High* Treaſurer *of* ENGLAND, Henry *Earle of* Northampton, *Lord Keeper of Our* Priuie Seale, Lodouike *Duke of* Lenox, Charles *Earle of* Nottingham, *Our high* Admirall *of* England, Thomas *Earle of* Suffolke, *Lord* Chamberlaine *of Our Houſhold*, Gilbert *Earle of* Shrewſbury, *Iuſtice in Eire beyond* Trent *Northward*, Edward *Earle of* Worceſter, *Maſter of Our Horſe*, Thomas

mas *Earle of* Exceſter, Iohn *Earle of* Marre, Alexander *Earle of* Dunfermyline, *And to Our right truſty, and right welbeloued* Councellours, Thomas *Lord Viſcount* Fenton, Edward *Lord* Zouche, William *Lord* Knolles, *Treaſurer of Our Houſhold*, Edward *Lord* Wotton *Comptroller of Our Houſhold*, Iohn *Lord* Stanhope, *Vice-chamberlaine of Our Houſhold*, *And to Our truſtie, and right well beloued* Councellours, *Sir* Iohn Herbert *Knight*, *Our ſecond* Secretarie *of* State, *Sir* Iulius Cæſar *Knight*, *Chancellour and Vnder-Treaſurer of Our* Exchequer, *and Sir* Thomas Parrie *Knight*, *Chancellour of Our Dutchie of*

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Lancaſter, *Greeting.* Whereas *diuers principall* Knights, *and* Eſquires *of ſundry parts of this Our* Realme, *moued with zeale and affection to further the Plantation of* Vlſter, *and other like Seruices in Our Realme of* IRELAND, *haue offered and agreed, euery of them to maintaine thirtie Footmen Souldiers in the ſame Our* Realme, *at their owne proper coſts and charges, after the rate of eight pence apiece by the day ſterling, during the ſpace of three yeeres now next enſuing, (By the imitation of which example that good worke, whereupon the eſtabliſhment of Religion and Ciuilitie, in place of blindneſſe and barbariſme doeth ſo much depend, is likely to be ſo much aduan-*

aduanced and ſupported, as no reaſonable meanes would be forborne, that may cheriſh and encourage ſuch an endeauour) Wee haue been pleaſed, as an Argument of Our gracious acceptation of ſo remarkeable a Seruice, not onely to beſtow vpon them a dignitie newly erected and created by Vs, anſwerable to their Eſtate and Merit, (which Wee haue ſtiled by the name of BARONET, *with diuers* Priuiledges *annexed thereunto, And the ſame haue granted by Letters Patents to them, and the Heires males of their bodies, to the end the memory thereof may remaine to them and their Poſteritie) But are determined to doe the like alſo to ſome ſuch other ſelected perſons, as*

ſhall concurre in the ſame intentions, not exceeding a conuenient number: And therefore although Wee could not (in reaſon) forbeare to begin and conclude with ſome principall Perſons *of eſpeciall* Note *and* Qualitie, *that firſt diſcouered their good affections in this kinde, before Wee had made any publique* Declaration *of Our certaine* Reſolution *to proceed further, yet when Wee enter into* Conſideration, *that there may be diuers other* Knights *and* Eſquires *of all parts of this Our* Realme, *that are capable of this* Dignitie (*reſpecting their* Eſtate *and* Qualitie) *and in whom there would be found a like affection to the ſaid* Seruice, *if they could take notice*

tice of this course so some as others, that are not so remote in their habitations, We haue thought fit hereby, aswell to notifie our Pleasure *to receiue a conuenient number to this* Dignity, *as to* Warrant *and* Authorize *you (when any that are moued with the same* Affections *to the* Publique *good, and are otherwise qualified as is fit, shall repaire vnto you within the time limited for this our* Commission) *to treat and conclude with them in maner and forme as you haue done with others, and according to those* Instructions, *which for your better direction in a matter of this* consequence, *Wee haue annexed to this* Cõmission. KNOVV *yee therefore, that Wee haue appoin-*

ted you to be our Commiſsioners, *and Wee doe by theſe* Preſents *giue and grant vnto you all, or vnto any eight or more of you, (whereof you the ſaid Lord* Chancellor, *or Lord* Treaſurer *to be alwayes one, And you the ſaid Lord* Priuie Seale, *Duke of* Lenox, *Earle of* Nottingham *Our* Admirall, *Earle of* Suffolke *our* Chamberlaine, *and Earle of* Worceſter *Maſter of Our Horſe, to be alwayes two; who are ſo much the more able to Iudge of mens* blood *and* antiquitie, *in regard you are* Commiſsioners *in the Office of Earle* Marſhall) *full, free, and lawfull Power and Authoritie, to commune and treat with any of Our louing Subiects, whom you*

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ſhall finde willing to giue ſuch pay and entertainment to ſuch number of footmen as is aforeſaid, to be imployed in the ſaid Seruice, *and for ſuch time as aforeſaid, And thereupon to informe your ſelues of their family, liuing, and reputation, And ſuch and ſo many of the ſaid perſons, as you or any ſuch eight or more of you (as is aforeſaid) ſhall find and approoue to bee in all the reſpects aforeſaid worthy ſuch* Degree, *(not exceeding the number of two hundred, which We haue couenanted in our* Patents *ſhall not be exceeded, but ſuffered to diminiſh as their* Iſſue *ſhall faile,) to cauſe euery one of them for himſelfe to make Payment, or to giue good and ſufficient Aſſurance for the*

due answering of so much, as shall be sufficient for maintenance of thirtie Souldiers footmen, after the rate of eight pence apiece by the day for the terme of three yeeres, as is aforesaid, And thereupon to giue Warrant *and* Direction *vnder any such eight or more of your hands, as is aforesaid, vnto Our* Attourney, *or* Sollicitor *generall, for the drawing vp of seuerall* Bills *and* Grants *to passe from Vs vnto all, and euery such person and persons, as shall be so approoued by you, or any such eight or more of you, as is aforesaid, for the making and creating of euery such person* Baronet, *with all Priuiledges of Precedencie, Place, Title, and all other things thereunto belonging, ac-*

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cording to the forme hereunto annexed, And theſe Preſents, together with ſuch Warrant & Direction of you, or any ſuch eight or more of you, as is aforeſaid, ſhalbe from time to time to Our ſaid Attourney, and Sollicitor Generall for the time being, ſufficient Warrant for the drawing vp, and ſubſcribing of euery ſuch Bill or Graunt to paſſe from Vs, according to the true meaning of theſe Preſents. And Our Will and Pleaſure is, That Our Attourney, or Sollicitor Generall, ſhall draw, Engroſſe, and ſubſcribe the Bills and Grants to be made of the ſaid dignitie of Baronet, according to the Directions and Warrants by you, or any ſuch eight or more of

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you as is aforesaid, And the said Bills *and* Grants *so drawen, Ingrossed & subscribed with the hands of Our* Attourney, *or* Sollicitor *Generall, or either of them, shall be a sufficient* Warrant *and* Discharge *to you Our said* Commissioners, *to subscribe likewise the said* Bills *or* Grants *with the hands of any such eight or more of you, as aforesaid.*

And furthermore, for the more easie & speedy passing of the Grants *and* Letters Patents *to be made of the said* Dignitie, *Wee are pleased and contented, and by these* Presents *for Us, Our* Heires *&* Successors, *Wee doe grant, ordaine and appoint, that the Bills for such Patents prepared*

pared by Our ſaid Attourney, *or* Sollicitor *as aforeſaid, and Signed with the hands of you, or any ſuch eight or more of you, as is aforeſaid, ſhall be a ſufficient and immediate* Warrant *to the Lord* Chancellour *of* England, *or Lord Keeper of the great* Seale *of* England *for the time being, to paſſe the ſame* Grants *and* Letters Patents *vnder the Great Seale of* England, *without any other or further* Warrant *from Vs to be had or obtained in that behalfe. And this our* Commiſſion, *Wee haue made to continue till the ſixt day of* Iuly *next comming after the date hereof, and then to ceaſe and determine. In witneſſe whereof, &c. Witneſſe, &c.*

By the King.

THE INSTRVCTIONS within mentioned to be obſerued by Our Commiſſioners within named.

FOraſmuch, as Wee haue bene pleaſed to authorize you to Treate and conclude with a certaine number of Knights and Eſquires, as they ſhall preſent themſelues vnto you with ſuch offers of aſſiſtance for the ſeruice of Ireland,

and vnder such Conditions *as are contained in these* Presents, *wherein We doe repose great trust and confidence in your* discretions *and* integrities, *knowing well that in such cases, there are so many* circumstances *incident, as require a choice care and* consideration. *We doe hereby require you to take such course as may make knowen abroad both Our* purpose, *and the* Authoritie *giuen vnto you, That by the more* publique notice *thereof, those persons who are disposed to* aduance *so good a* worke, *may in time vnderstand* where, *and to* whom *to addresse themselues for the same; For which purpose We require you to appoint some certaine* place *and* times

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for their Acceſſe: *which We thinke fitteſt to be at the* Councel Chamber *at* WHITEHALL, *vpon Wedneſdayes and Fridayes in the after noone, where you ſhall make knowen to them (as they come) that thoſe who deſire to bee admitted into the* dignitie *of* Baronets, *muſt maintaine the number of thirtie* foote-Souldiers *in* Ireland, *for three yeeres, after the rate of* eight pence *ſterling Money of* ENGLAND *by the day; And the wages of one whole yeere to be payed into Our* Receipt, *vpon the paſſing of the* Patent.

PRouided alwayes, that you proceed with none, except it ſhall appeare vnto you vpon good proofe, that they are men for qualitie, ſtate of liuing, and good reputation worthy of the ſame; And that they are at the leaſt deſcended of a grandfather by the fathers ſide that bare Armes, And haue alſo of certaine yeerely reuenue in Lands of inheritance in poſſeſſion, one Thouſand pounds per Annum de claro; Or lands of the old Rent, as good (in accompt) as one Thouſand pounds per Annum of improued Rents, Or at the leaſt two parts in three parts to be diuided of Lands, to the ſaid values in poſſeſſion, and the other

ther third part in reuerſion; *expectant vpon one life onely, holding by* Dower, *or in* Ioynture.

AND for the Order to be obſerued in ranking thoſe, that ſhall receiue the dignitie of a Baronet, *although it is to be wiſhed, that thoſe* Knights, *which haue now place before other* Knights (*in reſpect of the time of their* Creation) *may be ranked before others,* (Cæteris paribus,) *yet becauſe this is a* Dignitie, *which ſhall bee* Hereditarie, *wherein diuers circumſtances are more conſiderable, then ſuch a Marke as is but* Temporarie,

porarie, (*that is to ſay of beeing now a* Knight, *in time before an other*) *Our pleaſure is, you ſhall not bee ſo preciſe, in placing thoſe that ſhall receiue this* Dignitie, *but that an* Eſquire *of great* Antiquitie, *and extraordinary liuing, may be ranked in this* choiſe *before ſome* Knights. *And ſo* (*of* Knights) *a man of greater liuing, more* Remarkeable *for his houſe, yeeres, or calling in the* Common-wealth, *may bee now preferred in this* Degree, *before one that was made a* knight *before him.*

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Next, because there is nothing of Honour, or of value, which is knowen to be sought or desired (bee the Motiues neuer so good) but may receiue scandall from some, who (wanting the same good affection to the publique) or being in other considerations incapable, can be contented out of enuie to those that are so preferred, to cast aspersions, and imputations vpon them; As if they came by this dignitie for any other consideration, but that which concerneth this so publique and memorable a worke, You shall take order, That the party, who shall receiue this dignitie, may take his Oath, that neither he (nor any for him) hath directly or indirectly

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giuen any more for attayning the degree, or any precedence in it, then that which is neceſſary for the maintenance of the number of Souldiers, in ſuch ſort, as aforeſaid, ſauing the charges of paſſing his Patent.

AND becauſe We are not ignorant, that in the diſtribution of all Honours, moſt men wil be deſirous to attaine to ſo high a place as they may, in the Judgement whereof (being matter of dignitie) there connot be too great caution vſed to auoyd the interruption, that priuate partialities may breed in ſo worthy a Competition.

FOraſmuch as it is well knowen, that it can concerne no other perſon

perſon *ſo much to preuent all ſuch* inconueniences, *as it muſt doe Our ſelfe, from whom all* Honour *and* dignitie, (*either* Temporarie, *or* Hereditarie) *hath his onely* roote *and* beginning, *You ſhall* publiſh *and* declare *to all, whom it may concerne, That for the better* warrant *of your owne* Actions, *in this matter of* PRECEDENCIE, (*wherein Wee finde you ſo deſirous to auoyd all iuſt* exceptions) *Wee are determined vpon view of all thoſe* Patents, *which ſhall be* ſubſcribed *by you, before the ſame paſſe Our* great Seale, *to take the eſpeciall* care *vpon Vs, to* order *and* ranke *euery man in his due* place; *And therein alwayes to vſe the particular* counſell

and aduiſe, *that you Our* Commiſſioners *ſhall giue Vs, of whoſe* integritie *and* circumſpection, *Wee haue ſo good* experience, *and are ſo well* perſwaded, *as Wee aſſure Our ſelfe, you will vſe all the beſt meanes you may to enforme your owne* Iudgments *in caſes* doubtfull, *before you deliuer Vs any ſuch* opinion *as may leade Vs in a* caſe *of this* Nature, *wherein Our* intention *is* (*by due* conſideration *of all neceſſary* circumſtances) *to giue euery man that* ſatisfaction, *which ſtandeth with* Honour *and* Reaſon.

LAſtly, *hauing now* directed *you, how, and with what* caution *you are to entertaine the* Offers *of*

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ſuch as ſhall preſent themſelues for this dignitie, *Wee doe alſo require you to* obſerue *theſe two* things, *The one, That euery ſuch* perſon *as ſhalbe admitted, doe enter into ſufficient* Bond *or* Recognizance, *to Our* vſe, *for the* payment *of that* portion, *which ſhall be* remayning *after the firſt* payment *is made, Which you are to ſee* payd, *vpon* deliuery *of the* Letters Patents; *The other, That ſeeing this* Contribution *for ſo* publique *an* Action, *is the* motiue *of this* dignitie, *And that the greateſt* good *which may be* expected *vpon this* Plantation, *will* depend *vpon the certaine* payment *of thoſe* Forces, *which ſhall be fit to bee* maintained *in that* King-

dome, *vntill the ſame bee well* eſta-bliſhed, *the* charge *whereof will bee borne with the greater* difficultie, *if We be not* eaſed *by ſome ſuch* extra-ordinary meanes; *We require you Our* Treaſurer *of* England, *ſo to order this* Receipt, *as no part thereof bee mixed with Our other* Treaſure, *but kept apart by it ſelfe, to be wholy conuerted to that* vſe, *to which it is* giuen, *and* entended; *And in regard thereof, that you aſſigne it to be receiued, and the* Bonds *to bee kept by ſome ſuch particular* perſon, *as you ſhall thinke good to* appoint, *who vpon the* payment *of euery ſeuerall* portion, *ſhall both deliuer out the* Bonds, *and giue his* Aquit-

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tance *for the ſame. For which this ſhall be* yours, *and* his *the ſaid* Receiuours *ſufficient* Warrant *in that behalfe.*

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THE PRECEDENT OF THE PATENT of Creation of *Baronets.*

EX omnibus ad quos, &c. *Salutem.* CVM inter alias Imperij noſtri gerendi curas, quibus animus noſter aſsiduè exercetur, illa non minima ſit, nec minimi momenti, de Plantatione Regni noſtri HIBERNIÆ, ac potiſsimum *Vltoniæ*, amplæ & percelebris eiuſdem Regni Prouinciæ, quam, noſtris iam auſpicijs atque armis, fœliciter ſub obſequij iugum redactam, ita conſtabilire elaboramus, vt tanta Prouincia, non ſolum ſincero Religionis cultu, humani-

humanitate ciuili, morumque probitate, verum etiam opum affluentia, atque omnium rerum copia, quæ ſtatum Reipublicæ ornare vel beare poſsit, magis magiſque efflorescat, Opus ſane, quod nulli progenitorum noſtrorum præſtare & perficere licuit, quamuis idipſum multa ſanguinis & opum profuſione ſæpius tentauerint; In quo opere, ſollicitudo noſtra Regia, non ſolum ad hoc excubare debet, vt Plantatio ipſa ſtrenuè promoueatur, oppida condantur, ædes & caſtra extruantur, agri colantur, & id genus alia; Sed etiam proſpiciendum imprimis, vt vniuerſus huiuſmodi rerum ciuilium apparatus, manu armatâ, præſidijs videlicet & cohortibus, protegatur & communiatur, ne qua aut vis hoſtilis, aut defectio inteſtina, rem diſturbet aut impediat: Cumque nobis intimatum ſit, ex parte quorundã ex fidelib⁹ noſtris ſubditis, quoe ipſi paratiſsimi ſint, ad hoc Regnũ noſtrum inceptum, tam corporibus, quam fortunis ſuis promouendum: Nos commoti operis tam ſancti ac ſalutaris intuitu, atque gratos habentes huiuſmodi generoſos affectus, atque

que propenſas in obſequium noſtrum & bonum publicum voluntates, Statuimus apud nos ipſos nulli rei deeſſe, quæ ſubditorum noſtrorum ſtudia prætata remunerare, aut aliorum animos atque alacritatem, ad operas ſuas præſtandas, aut impenſas in hac parte faciendas, excitare poſsit; Itaq; nobiſcum perpendentes atque reputantes, virtutē & induſtriam, nulla alia re magis quam honore ali atque acui, omnemque honoris & dignitatis ſplendorē, & amplitudinē a Rege tanquam a fonte, originem & incrementum ducere, ad cuius culmen & faſtigium propriè ſpectat, nouos honorum & dignitatum titulos erigere atque inſtituere, vtpote a quo antiqui illi fluxerint; conſentaneum duximus (poſtulante vſu Reipublicæ atque temporum ratione) noua merita, nouis dignitatum inſignibus rependere: Ac propterea, ex certâ ſcientiâ & mero motu noſtris, Ordinauimus, ereximus, conſtituimus, & creauimus, quendam ſtatum, gradum, dignitatem, nomen & titulum *Baronetti*, (Anglice *of a Baronet*) infra hoc Regnum noſtrum Anglię perpetuis temporibus duratu-

rum. SCIATIS modo, quod nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali, ac ex certa ſcientia & mero motu noſtris, ereximus præfecimus & creauimus, ac per præſentes pro nobis, Heredibus, & ſucceſſoribus noſtris, erigimus præficimus, & creamus dilectum noſtrum

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in comitatu virum, familia, patrimonio, cenſu, & morum probitate ſpectatum (qui nobis auxilium & ſubſidium ſatis amplum, generoſo & liberali animo dedit & præſtitit, ad manutenendum & ſupportandum triginta viros in cohortibus noſtris pedeſtribus in dicto Regno noſtro Hiberniæ, per tres annos integros pro defenſione dicti Regni noſtri, & præcipue pro ſecuritate plantationis dictæ prouinciæ *Vltoniæ*) ad, & in dignitatem, ſtatum, & gradum *Baronetti* (Anglice *of a Baronet*) Ipſumque Baronettum pro nobis, heredibus, & ſucceſſoribus noſtris, præficimus, conſtituimus & creamus per preſentes, habendum ſibi, & heredibus maſculis de corpore ſuo legitime procreatis imperpetuum. VOLVMVS etiam &

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per præſentes de gratia noſtra ſpeciali, ac ex certa ſcientia & mero motu noſtris, pro nobis, Heredibus, & ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus præfato

& Heredibus maſculis de corpore ſuo legitime procreatis, Quod ipſe idem & Heredes ſui maſculi prædicti habeant, gaudeant, teneant, & capiant locum atque Præcedentiam, virtute dignitatis *Baronetti* prædicti, & Vigore præſentium, tam in omnibus Commiſsionibus, breuibus, literis patentibus, ſcriptis, appellationibus, nominationibus & directionibus, quam in omnibus Seſsionibus, Conuentibus, Cætibus & locis quibuſcunque, præ omnibus militibus, tam de Balneo, (Anglice of the Bathe) quam militibus Baccalaureis, (Anglice Bachelors) ac etiam præ omnibus militibus Bannerettis, (Anglice Bannerets) iam creatis, vel impoſterum creandis, (Illis militibus Bannerettis tantummodo exceptis, quos ſub vexillis regijs, in exercitu regali, in aperto bello, & ipſo Rege perſonaliter præſente, explicatis, & non aliter creari contigerit. Quod-

que vxores dicti & Heredum masculorum suorum prædictorum, virtute dictæ dignitatis maritorum suorum prædictorum, habeant, teneant, guadeant, & capiant locum & præcedentiam, præ vxoribus omnium aliorum quorumcunq; præ quibus mariti huiusmodi vxorũ, vigore præsentiũ habere debent locum & præcedentiam; Atque quod primogenitus filius, ac ceteri omnes filij & eorum vxores, & filiæ eiusdem & heredum suorum prædictorum respectiuè, habeant, & capiant locum & præcedentiam, ante primogenitos filios, ac alios filios & eorum vxores, & filias omnium quorumcunque respectiuè, præ quibus patres huiusmodi filiorum primogenitorum, & aliorum filiorum, & eorum vxores, & filiarum, vigore præsentium habere debent locum & præcedentiam. VOLVMVS etiam, & per præsentes pro nobis, heredibus, & successoribus nostris, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia, & mero motu nostris concedimus, quod dictus nominetur, appelletur, nuncupetur, placitet & implacitetur,

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per nomen . . *Baronetti*; Et quod ſtilus & adidito *Baronetti* apponatur in fine nominis eiuſdem . . & heredum maſculorum ſuorum prædictorum, in omnibus Literis Patentibus, Commiſsionibus, & Breuibus noſtris, atque omnibus alijs Chartis, factis, atque literis, virtute præſentium, vt vera, legitima, & neceſſaria additio dignitatis. Volumus etiam, & per Præſentes pro nobis, heredibus, & ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus, quod nomini dicti & Heredum maſculorum ſuorum prædictorum, in ſermone Anglicano, & omnibus ſcriptis Anglicanis, præponatur hæc additio, videlicet Anglice (SIR:) Et ſimiliter quod vxores eiuſdem & Heredum maſculorum ſuorum prædictorum, habeant, vtantur, & gaudeant hac appellatione, videlicet Anglice (*Lady*, *Madame*, & *Dame*) reſpectiue, ſecundum vſum loquendi. Habendum, tenendum, vtendum, & gaudendum, eadem, ſtatum, gradum, dignitatem, ſtilum, titulum, nomen, locum, & præcedentiam, cum omnibus & ſingulis Priuilegijs, & ce-

teris præmiſsis, præfat. & heredibus maſculis de corpore ſuo exeuntibus imperpetuum. Volentes & per Præſentes concedentes, pro Nobis Heredibus & Succeſſoribus Noſtris, quod prædictus & heredes ſui maſculi prædicti, nomen, ſtatum, gradum, ſtilum, dignitatem, titulum, locum, & præcedentiam prædictam, cum omnibus & ſingulis Priuilegiis, & cęteris premiſsis ſucceſsiue, gerant & habeant, & eorum quilibet gerat & habeat, quodque idem Et Heredes ſui Maſculi prædicti ſucceſsiuè *Baronetti* in omnibus teneantur, Et vt *Baronetti* tractentur & reputentur, Et eorum quilibet teneatur, tractetur & reputetur. Et vlterius de vberiori gratiâ noſtrâ ſpeciali, ac ex certa ſcientia & mero motu noſtris Conceſsimus, ac per pręſentes pro Nobis, Heredibus & ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus pręfato. Et Heredibus ſuis maſculis prędictis, quod numerus Baronettorum huius Regni Anglię nunquam poſthac excedet in toto, in aliquo vno tempore, numerum ducentorum Baronettorum:

torum: & quod dicti *Baronetti*, & eorum Heredes maſculi prędicti reſpectiuè, de tempore in tempus in perpetuũ, habebunt tenebunt & gaudebunt locos & prędecentias ſuas inter ſe, videlicet, quilibet eorum ſecundum prioritatem & ſenioritatem Creationis ſuę *Baronetti* prędicti; quotquot autem creati ſunt, vel creabuntur *Baronetti* per literas noſtras Patentes, gerentes Datas vno & eodem die, & Heredes ſui prædicti, gaudebunt locis & præcedentijs ſuis inter ſe ſecundum prioritatem, quæ cuilibet eorum dabitur, per alias literas noſtras patentes in ea parte primo conficiendas, ſine impedimento, & non aliter, nec alio modo. Et inſuper de abundantiori gratiâ noſtrâ ſpeciali, ac ex certa ſcientiâ & mero motu noſtris conceſsimus, ac per preſentes, pro nobis, hæredibus & ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus præfato

& heredibus ſuis Maſculis prædictis, quod nec Nos, nec Heredes vel Succeſſores Noſtri, de cætero in poſterum erigemus, ordinabimus, conſtituemus, aut creabimus infrà hoc Regnum noſtrum Anglię

aliquem alium gradum, ordinem, nomen, titulum, dignitatem, ſiue ſtatum, ſub vel intra gradum, dignitatem, ſiue ſtatum *Baronum*, huius Regni noſtri ANGLIÆ, qui erit vel eſſe poſsit ſuperior, vel æqualis gradui & dignitati *Baronettorum* prędictorum, ſed quod tam dictus & Heredes ſui Maſculi prædicti, quàm vxores, filij, vxores filiorum & filiæ eiuſdem & hæredum maſculorum ſuorum prædictorum, de cætero in perpetuum liberè & quietè habeant, teneant, & gaudeant, dignitates, locos & præcedentias ſuas prædictas præ omnibus, qui erunt de talibus gradibus, ſtatibus, dignitatibus vel ordinibus in poſterum, vt præfertur creandi reſpectiuè ſecundũ veram intentionem præſentium abſq; impedimento noſtro, hæredũ, vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorũ, vel aliorum quorumcunque. Et vlterius per præſentes declaramus, & ſignificamus beneplacitum & voluntatem noſtram in hac parte fore & eſſe, Et ſic nobiſcum ſtatuimus & decreuimus, quod ſi poſtquam nos prædictum numerum ducentorum Baronettorum huius Regni

Regni Angliæ compleuerimus & perfecerimus, Contigerit aliquem, vel aliquos eorundem Baronettorum ab hac vitâ discedere, absque Herede masculo de corpore vel corporibus huiusmodi *Baronetti* vel Baronettorũ procreato, quod tunc nos non creabimus, vel præficiemus aliquam aliam personam, vel personas in Baronettum, vel Baronettos Regni Nostri Angliæ, sed quod numerus dictorum Ducentorum Baronettorum ea ratione de tempore in tempus diminuetur, & in minorem numerum cedet & redigetur; Denique volumus, ac per præsentes, pro nobis, heredibus & successoribus nostris de gratia nostrâ speciali, ac ex certa scientia & mero motu nostris concedimus præfato & Heredibus suis masculis prædictis, quod hæ literæ nostræ Patentes erunt in omnibus, & per omnia firmę, validæ, bonæ, sufficientes & effectuales in lege, tam contra nos, hæredes, & successores nostros, quàm contra omnes alios quoscunque secundum veram intentionem earundem, tam in omnibus curiis nostris, quam alibi vbicumque.

Non obſtante aliqua lege, conſuetudine, præſcriptione, vſu, ordinatione, ſiue conſtitutione quacunque antehac æditâ, habitâ, vſitatâ, ordinatâ, ſiue prouiſâ, vel in poſterum ædendâ, habendâ, vſitandâ, ordinandâ, vel prouidendâ: Et non obſtante aliqua alia re, cauſâ vel materiâ quacunq;. Volumus etiam, &c. Abſque fine in Hanaperio, &c. Eo quod expreſſa mentio, &c. In cuius rei, &c. Teſte, &c.

By the King.

HIS MAIESTIES COMMISSION TO the Lords, and others of his *Priuie Councell, for taking* the Oath of the Baronets.

IAMES by *the grace of God, King of* ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, FRANCE *and* IRELAND, *Defender of the* Faith, *&c. To*

Our right truſtie, and right well beloued Councellour, THOMAS *Lord* Elleſemere, *Lord* Chancellour *of* ENGLAND, *And to Our right truſtie, and right well-beloued* Couſins *and* Councellors, ROBERT *Earle of* Saliſburie, *Lord High* Treaſurer *of* ENGLAND, Henry *Earle of* Northampton, *Lord Keeper of Our* Priuie Seale, Lodouike *Duke of* Lenox, Charles *Earle of* Nottingham, *Our high* Admirall *of* England, Thomas *Earle of* Suffolke, *Lord* Chamberlaine *of Our Houſhold*, Gilbert *Earle of* Shrewſbury, *Iuſtice in Eire beyond* Trent *Northward*, Edward *Earle of* Worceſter, *Maſter of Our Horſe*, Thomas

mas *Earle of* Exceſter, Iohn *Earle of* Marre, Alexander *Earle of* Dunfermyline, *And to Our right truſty, and right welbeloued* Councellours, Thomas *Lord Viſcount* Fenton, Edward *Lord* Zouche, William *Lord* Knolles, *Treaſurer of Our Houſhold*, Edward *Lord* Wotton *Comptroller of Our Houſhold*, Iohn *Lord* Stanhope, *Vice-chamberlaine of Our Houſhold*, *And to Our truſtie, and right well beloued* Councellours, *Sir* Iohn Herbert *Knight*, *Our ſecond* Secretarie *of* State, *Sir* Iulius Cæſar *Knight*, *Chancellour and Vnder-Treaſurer of Our* Exchequer, *and Sir* Thomas Parrie *Knight*, *Chancellour of Our Dutchie of*

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Lancaſter, *Greeting*. Wheras *We haue already by Our ſeuerall* Letters Patents *created diuers principal* Knights *and* Gentlemen *of ſundry parts of this Our Realme of* England, BARONETS, *as by the ſame Our* Letters Pattents *may appeare, Know yee that We haue authorized you, and by theſe preſents doe authorize you, or any eight or more of you, whereof you the ſaid Lord* Chancellour *or Lord Treaſurer to bee alwayes one, and you the ſaid Lord* Priuie Seale, *Duke of* Lenox, *Earle of* Nottingham, *Our* Admirall, *Earle of* Suffolke, *Our* Chamberlaine, *and Earle of* Worceſter, *Maſter of Our Horſe, to be alwayes two, to take the Oath*

Oath of all and euery of the ſaide BARONETS, *already created, or to be created ſeuerally before his ſaid* Patent *of his Creation bee deliuered vnto him, that he hath not giuen directly or indirectly, by himſelfe or any other with his priuitie, nor is to giue by himſelfe, or any other with his priuitie, any more for attaining the ſaid degree, or any precedence in it, then that which is neceſsary for the maintenance of thirtie footmen ſouldiers in Our Realme of* Ireland, *after the rate of eight pence by the day ſterling, during the ſpace of three yeeres now next inſuing, ſauing the charges of paſsing his* Patent.

AND *becauſe it may ſo fall out, that ſome of the ſaid* BA-

RONETS *already created, and others hereafter to be created, ſhall or may by ſickneſſe, infirmitie, or other occaſion be hindred, ſo as they cannot be preſent with you to receiue their* Patents *at your hands; We do therfore by theſe preſents, authorize, and commaund you Our* Chancellour *of* England, *to award* Commmiſſions *from time to time, for any ſuch* BARONETS *that ſhall require the ſame, to ſuch three, foure, or more diſcreet* Knights *or other* Gentlemen, *as you ſhall thinke fit, Commanding them, or any two of them, to take the like Oath of euery ſuch* BARONET, *and to returne the ſame to you.*

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